

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2001, Applicants select Group II drawn to a method of treating autoimmune diseases with traverse.

It is respectfully pointed out that this case is a continuation of application Serial Number 08/983,223 which was the national filing of a PCT application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that unity of invention standards are applicable rather than restriction standards. Unity of invention standards call for a common special technical feature which is met in the instant case by the combination of the TNF receptor and DHEA. All of the reasons set forth in the Office Action are applicable to U.S. restriction practice rather than Unity of Invention practice and therefore are respectfully submitted to not be relevant.

Withdrawal of the requirement and the examination of all claims is respectfully solicited.

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